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WBZ-TV Boston

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Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

WBZ-TV broadcasts both locally produced and network programming. Although we include primarily local programs herein, WBZ-TV broadcasts several network programs, including Face The Nation, 60 Minutes, and 48 Hours, which we believe also serve community needs and interests.

PROGRAM INDEX

I-Team Reports – Reporters Kathy Curran and Joe Shortleeve provide an investigative look at major institutions and events within the viewing area. Issues related to government, politics, business, finance, corruption, and crime are explored in-depth during the station's newscasts. Duration: range from two minutes to four minutes. Air: Monday - Friday, 6pm and 11pm.

Healthwatch – Medical reports on recent developments and potential treatments in medicine. Duration: one minute and thirty seconds. Air: Monday - Friday, 5pm and 6pm.

“Centro” – Regularly scheduled news interview broadcast segment providing an in-depth exploration of issues concerning the Latino community with host Yadires Nova-Salcedo. Duration: four minutes and thirty seconds. Air: Saturday, 7:50am.

Keller At Large – Political Analyst Jon Keller interviews local politicians and community leaders to create dialogue about current events and issues of importance to New England citizens. Duration: eight minutes. Air: Sunday, 8:45am.

"Wednesday's Child" - News anchor Jack Williams is successfully increasing public awareness of the needs of children waiting for adoptive families. These children are primarily school-aged children, children of color of all ages, sibling groups and children who face intellectual, physical or emotional challenges. Duration: 2-3 minutes. Air: Wednesday, 6pm.

"What's in Our Community" – A 4-minute feature segment that airs within the 30-minute "What's in Store" program. "What's in Store" is a half hour program that highlights businesses and entrepreneurs in the region and airs some Saturdays at 11:35pm or Sundays at 11am. The "What's in Our Community" piece features the outstanding work of a local charity and/or community outreach organization. Duration: 4-minutes within thirty-minute program.

I-Team

4/4/12: The I-Team tracked Suffolk County Clerk Magistrate Maura Hennigan on several work days and caught her handing out bumper stickers and collecting signatures for her 2012 political run.

4/5/12: The I-Team reports police officers and soldiers who served under General Joseph Carter say they have been retaliated against. General Carter is on administrative leave from the National Guard after the I-Team exposed an allegation of rape dating back to the 1980's.

4/9/12: The I-Team's Kathy Curran reports Essex County Sherriff Frank Cousins is now under investigation by the Attorney General's office for allegedly pressuring employees to contribute to his political war chest.

4/12/12: The I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve reports the state is testing whether contaminated water from General Chemical in Framingham is spreading into Sherborn.

4/18/12: The campaign committee for the clerk magistrate of Suffolk County Criminal Court has been fined \$2,000 following an I-Team report.

4/19/12: The I-Team reports an accused killer was set free due to a clerical error in the office run by Clerk Magistrate Maura Hennigan. The costly mistake comes in the wake of the I-Team investigation that found Hennigan using court employees to help with her campaign during work hours and found Hennigan spending a lot of time away from the courthouse.

4/20/12: The I-Team's Kathy Curran reports the family of Michael Costa demands justice after the man accused of killing Michael is back on the run after being set free by a clerical mistake at the Suffolk County Criminal Clerk's office.

4/22/12: The I-Team reports the police have recaptured accused killer Jean Torres Vargas, who was accidentally set free by a clerical error.

4/26/12: The I-Team's Kathy Curran reports a former firefighter has found a way to dodge a state law that is supposed to limit how much money he can make while he collects his government disability pension.

5/1/12: The I-Team reports a law on the books in Massachusetts which says most vehicles cannot idle for more than five minutes is rarely enforced. Idling engines emit excess emissions which contribute to a number of chronic illnesses people don't often equate with poor air quality and exhaust such as diabetes, cancer, heart attacks and strokes.

5/3/12: The I-Team's Kathy Curran reports American Legion Post 121 in Berkley is involved in illegal gambling through a game of chance called "pull tabs." State officials said illegal games like pull tabs prey on customers because the odds of winning are low and they shortchange cities and towns of local aid revenue paid out by the state-run lottery.

5/7/12: The I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve has found that nearly 900 illegal speeding tickets have been written in Salem from 2010-2011. According to state law, before a speed limit can be posted on a new road, state transportation officials have to conduct a traffic engineering study to determine what speed limit is most appropriate. No such study has been conducted on the Bridge Street Bypass in Salem. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation website states any speed limits posted without a study are illegal and unenforceable.

5/15/12: The I-Team discovered a loophole that could undermine Melanie's Law, which is supposed to crack down on repeat drunk drivers. Kathy Curran reports that many judges do not count a CWOFF – continued without a finding – as a conviction in drunk driving cases even though it is an admission of guilt.

5/17/12: The I-Team's Kathy Curran discovered that people who have been dead for over a year are still receiving benefits from Massachusetts taxpayers.

5/23/12: The I-Team reports department vendors were routinely asked to contribute to Sherriff Cousins' campaign fund by employees of the department. State law says government officials are not supposed to ask private companies they do business with for campaign contributions, but former employees tell the I-Team that is exactly what has been happening for years in the Essex County Sherriff's Department.

6/19/12: The I-Team went undercover with CBS stations across the country and found a major gold buying company ripping people off. Employees of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow were undervaluing gold and offering pennies on the dollar.

6/21/12: The I-Team reports the former Army soldier who claims she was raped by Joseph Carter, who rose to become the leader of the Massachusetts National Guard, is back in Massachusetts fighting to see that justice is served.

6/26/12: A WBZ-TV I-Team investigation raises serious questions about Boston Police and how they handled a car crash involving one of their own officers. It was a horrific crash which nearly killed a young woman on Thursday, May 24th.

6/27/12: A Boston Police officer exposed by the WBZ-TV I-Team is now facing criminal charges. Officer Richard Jeanetti was charged Tuesday with operating under the influence, reckless and negligent operation and failing to stop at a stop sign for his role in a car accident in May.

Healthwatch

4/2/12: Healthwatch reports the second patient to undergo a face transplant returns to Brigham and Women's hospital for a one-year follow up visit. Additionally, Healthwatch reports new studies find 1 in 88 kids is now diagnosed with autism, melanoma rates continue to rise in patients ages 18 to 39 and patients who suffer from arthritis have lower breast cancer survival rates.

4/4/12: Healthwatch reports nine medical societies have released new guidelines on which tests patients should have and when to help curb unnecessary medical testing and costs. Additionally, Healthwatch reports eating certain vegetables such as broccoli can help lower breast cancer risk and an ingredient found in caffeine can help fight skin cancer.

4/6/12: Healthwatch reports having a long commute can have negative health impacts on stress levels and blood pressure. Healthwatch also reports doctors have developed new apps to help kids with autism learn to communicate and interact.

4/9/12: Healthwatch reports obesity in pregnant women has been linked with an increased risk of autism in babies.

4/10/12: Healthwatch reports a new report finds that exposure to dental X-rays could be linked to a higher risk of non-cancerous brain tumors. Additionally, Healthwatch reports treating milder cases of appendicitis with antibiotics has a lower rate of complication risk than surgery.

4/11/12: Healthwatch reports on a New York girl who suffers from Trisomy 18, the rare genetic condition Rick Santorum's daughter has.

4/13/12: Healthwatch reports gene therapy is showing promise in helping to ease symptoms in Parkinson's patients. Healthwatch also reports a new study finds drinking red wine may help people lose weight.

4/17/12: Healthwatch reports the "leanwashing" index was developed to help consumers decipher nutritional claims on foods.

4/18/12: Healthwatch reports the American Heart Association has released a statement saying there is no proof that gum disease increases the risk of heart disease or stroke as indicated by previous research. Additionally, Healthwatch reports seven Massachusetts hospitals are launching a pilot program to apologize to patients for medical mistakes.

4/19/12: Healthwatch reports researchers have identified new breast cancer genes that could lead to better treatments in the future. Also, Healthwatch reports gene therapy is showing promise in repair hearts after heart attacks.

4/20/12: Healthwatch reports ultrasound may be a more effective way to diagnose and treat arthritis.

4/23/12: Healthwatch reports more men are now practicing yoga or "broga." Additionally, Healthwatch reports the city of Boston is launching a new campaign and website to help residents lose weight.

4/25/12: Healthwatch reports graphic new anti-smoking ads are helping to increase the number of people trying to quit in Massachusetts. Healthwatch also reports mega doses of vitamins may cause potential health risks. Additionally, Healthwatch reports a new study find botox only helps ease symptoms in 10% of migraine patients and the American Academy of Neurology has released new guidelines and medications to treat migraines.

4/26/12: Healthwatch reports the American Cancer Society has issued guidelines on exercise and other lifestyle factors for cancer survivors.

4/27/12: Healthwatch reports the government has approved a new device to keep the heart pumping while patients wait for transplants.

4/30/12: Healthwatch reports a new study in the New England Journal of Medicine finds the combination of two drugs, metformin and Avandia, was better at keeping diabetes in teens in check.

5/1/12: Healthwatch reports swaddling an infant improperly can actually cause them to have health problems such as a hip dysplasia.

5/2/12: Healthwatch reports a new March of Dimes study finds that more than 500,000 babies are born early in US.

5/3/12: Healthwatch reports on a growing concern among doctors about athletes suffering concussions, particularly students.

5/4/12: Healthwatch reports House leaders are proposing an overhaul of the health care payment system to help reduce inefficiencies in the system.

5/7/12: Healthwatch reports a local researcher has developed a simple easier test to help parents diagnose whether their child may have autism. Additionally, Healthwatch reports a new study finds that more children are now wearing sunscreen and protective clothing to prevent UV exposure.

5/9/12: Healthwatch reports the FDA is recommending new scanners be developed to help reduce the amount of radiation children are exposed to during X-rays and other medical tests.

5/10/12: Healthwatch reports food additives such as artificial sweeteners could cause people to gain weight.

5/11/12: Healthwatch reports new nostril valves are showing promise in helping patients with sleep apnea breathe better at night.

5/14/12: Healthwatch reports new website called Healthy Wager is helping people lose weight by offering them financial incentives.

5/15/12: Healthwatch reports an FDA advisory panel has recommended the approval of the home HIV test OraSure after it's found to be 93% accurate in diagnosing the disease.

5/16/12: Healthwatch reports local researchers have successfully implanted Braingate technology in a Taunton woman to help her use brain signals to move an experimental robotic arm.

5/17/12: Healthwatch reports a new experimental "artificial pancreas" device is using wireless technology to help maintain insulin levels in diabetic patients. Also, Healthwatch reports a new study finds that patients who take Z-pack antibiotics are more likely to die of heart disease. Additionally, Healthwatch reports Massachusetts researchers are studying just how much good cholesterol can benefit patients.

5/18/12: Healthwatch reports several states are reporting whooping cough outbreaks and that there have been 9,000 cases reported in the U-S this year.

5/21/12: Healthwatch reports a new study says the number of teens who have diabetes or pre-diabetes has jumped from 9% to 23% between 1999 and 2008. Additionally, a new study finds that many obese teens who don't have symptoms have already suffered signs of heart damage. Also, Healthwatch reports a new study finds that people with sleep apnea have a higher risk of developing cancer.

5/22/12: Healthwatch reports researchers are developing a new experimental device, Brainport, that can help blind people see by stimulating the brain.

5/23/12: Healthwatch reports a new study in the New England Journal of Medicine has found that IUD's and hormonal implants are 20 times more effective at preventing pregnancies than short-term methods such as the birth control pill, patch or ring.

5/28/12: Healthwatch reports warm, dry weather is causing more pollen to bloom earlier, causing allergy symptoms.

5/29/12: Healthwatch reports deep breathing can help ease stress and lower heart rates. Additionally, Healthwatch reports a new study finds aspirin may help prevent skin cancer. Also, Healthwatch reports a new study finds that patients who get smokers lungs have a higher survival rate than patients waiting on the transplant list.

5/30/12: Healthwatch reports a new experimental device which is implanted in a patient's kidney is showing promise in helping to lower high blood pressure. Additionally, Healthwatch reports the FDA is issuing a warning that some online sites may be selling fake Adderall.

5/31/12: Healthwatch reports on the health benefits of eating Greek yogurt.

6/4/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds that only a third of women actually breastfeed as long as they originally intend to.

6/5/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds that taking low-dose aspirin daily may increase the risk of stomach and brain bleeding in some patients.

6/6/12: Healthwatch reports how many people suffer from benign brain tumors.

6/7/12: Healthwatch reports a new skin cancer drug Erivedge is showing to be most effective in treating the disease.

6/8/12: Healthwatch reports technology advances are helping more women conceive babies from frozen eggs.

6/11/12: Healthwatch reports people who get less than six hours of sleep have a higher risk of stroke.

6/13/12: Healthwatch reports new research finds that older people who take Omega-3 supplements do not perform better on thinking and memory tests.

6/14/12: Healthwatch reports a new study predicts that cancer survivors will increase by 18 million in the next decade due to better treatment.

6/15/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds that sports drinks erode dental enamel.

6/18/12: Healthwatch reports the number of children hospitalized for high blood pressure doubled from 1997 to 2006.

6/19/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds many epileptics don't have access to drugs and treatments that could help treat their condition.

6/20/12: Healthwatch reports a new Columbia University study found that 1 in 8 heart attack survivors suffer from post traumatic stress disorder and may be more likely to suffer from another heart attack or death.

6/21/12: Healthwatch reports researchers are testing a new robotic device called Exoskeleton helps paralyzed patients walk again.

6/25/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds 70% of preschoolers are still exposed to allergic reactions to foods they are supposed to avoid

Centro

4/7/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Franklin Soult from the MIRA Coalition, a non-profit organization that advocates for immigration rights, about the 16th Annual Immigrants Day at the State House Monday April 9th. This is the largest immigrant advocacy day of the year.

4/14/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Lauren Broadhurst, executive director of Healthworks Community Fitness, about the community walk the organization has scheduled for Saturday April 21st. Healthworks Community Fitness is a non-profit organization which provides low income neighborhoods in Boston with access to high quality fitness opportunities and health support to empower, educate and enable women and children to lead healthier, happier lives.

4/21/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks via satellite with Victoria Justice. The young actress and singer talks about her new role as spokesperson for "Act Out Loud," a campaign sponsored by the Allstate Foundation and the National Organizations for Youth Safety, which advocates for stronger teen driving laws.

4/28/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Isabel Gonzalez, Vice President of Siglo 21 Media Group, about the two new Spanish language newspapers that have hit the streets of Lawrence and Springfield Massachusetts.

5/5/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Dr. Gerald Hass, physician-in-chief and co-founder of the Dr. Gerald Hass Center, about the grand opening of the South End Community Health Center's new state of the art satellite health center.

5/12/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Maria Morales, Executive Editor of People en Espanol, about the popular Spanish language magazine's 50 Most Beautiful People of 2012 edition.

5/19/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Jenny Cintron about her retirement after more than two decades as the head of ABCD's Boston Hispanic Center.

5/26/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Yuisa Perez, Advanced Placement Coordinator for the Worcester Public Schools, about Destino Universidad, an event taking place on June 7, 2012 from 5-8:15pm at Worcester State College where parents can get all the information they need to prepare their child for college and learn about financial aid options.

6/2/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Latin Music artist Domenic Marte about his music career, his next album and his hometown Lawrence, Massachusetts.

6/9/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with La Alianza Hispana's Executive Director Janet Collazo about the organization's 4th Annual Women of Courage event to be held June 21st. The event pays tribute to extraordinary women who have gone above and beyond in their support of the Latino community.

6/16/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Javier Limon, Musical Director of The Berklee Mediterranean Music Institute, about the "Flamenco Soul Project." Their four city USA tour offers a sample of the best flamenco in the world by a talented young group of Berklee students, alumni, and flamenco artists.

6/23/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with attorney Eneida Roman-Olivieri from Roman Law Offices about President Obama's June 15th speech on the Deferred Action Program, which will allow young immigrants to apply for renewable two-year work permits that will allow them to live in this country legally, but will not provide them a path to citizenship.

6/30/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Milagros Cruz, Spokesperson for the DANR (Dominican American National Roundtable) Boston chapter, about Saturday July 28, 2012, when 100,000 Dominicans are expected to come together in our nation's capital to celebrate 50 years of presence, success and contributions of Dominicans in the United States.

Keller At Large

4/1/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews State Sen. Steve Baddour (D-Methuen), outgoing chairman of Joint Committee on Transportation, on possible solutions to the MBTA budget crisis.

4/8/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Former Vatican Ambassador Ray Flynn on the controversy over federal rules requiring religious institutions to provide coverage for birth control, and the current state of the Boston Roman-Catholic Archdiocese.

4/15/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Mayor Kim Driscoll (D-Salem), president of the Massachusetts Mayors Association, on her push for a sales tax on internet sales, and other possible solutions to municipal finance problems in local communities.

4/22/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop), discussing job-creation strategies for Massachusetts, the state of the state budget, and the economic impact of new taxes.

4/29/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Michael Oren, Israeli ambassador to the US, on Israeli trade with Massachusetts and the role of key Massachusetts political figures in US-Israeli relations.

5/6/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Marisa DeFranco (D-Gloucester), candidate for US Senate, discussing her effort to make the Democratic primary ballot, job-creation, and health care reform.

5/13/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Gov. Deval Patrick (D-Massachusetts), discussing immigration reform and crime involving illegal aliens, the state's economic standing and future, and his own future plans.

5/20/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews non-verbal communication expert Don Khoury, analyzing the body language of the presidential and US Senate candidates.

5/27/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Elizabeth Childs (R-Brookline), candidate for Congress in the Fourth District, discussing economic development, the war on crime, and her candidacy.

6/3/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews State Democratic Party Chairman John Walsh on the weekend's state Democratic convention, ballot access, and the state of the party.

6/10/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Former House Speaker Tom Finneran (D-Mattapan), and discusses the potential local impact of the Wisconsin recall election, the US Senate race, and class divisions within his party.

6/17/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Chip Tuttle, Suffolk Downs CEO, discussing the racetrack's proposal for a new casino in East Boston, and addressing concerns about traffic, crime and compulsive gambling.

6/24/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Rep. Steve Lynch, D-9th District, discussing US policy in Afghanistan, the "Fast and Furious" scandal, and relations between the parties in Congress.

6/31/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Glen Johnson, political editor of Boston.com, discussing the state of the US Senate and presidential races.

What's in Our Community?

4/15/12: What's in Our Community highlights "The Military Friends Foundation," which provides support to families of the Massachusetts National Guard and reservists as well

as families of fallen heroes. Sergeant Ray Regan came in to create awareness about Military Friends being funded by voluntary donations on the state income tax form.

5/20/12: What's in Our Community highlights the Phantom Gourmet Hot Dog Safari, an entire day of food and fun for the whole family that benefits The Joey Fund and cystic fibrosis. Dan Andelman, host of Phantom Gourmet, discusses the event and how it has helped bring attention and funding to the fight to cure cystic fibrosis.

6/10/12: What's in Our Community highlights "Operation Able," an organization that has been on a mission since 1982 to help people 45 and older get back to work. President and CEO Joan Cirillo discusses the organization's programs and how much they can help people struggling to find jobs.

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